



# THE TIME-LORD'S RETURN!

## ABSTRACT

An enchanting tale of friendship and surprise, based on Greek Myth. Maiden novel by the young and upcoming author from the National Public School at Koramangala in Bangalore, India

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## Chapter 1: A Day at the Demigod Camp

Greg, Patricia and Fred were headed to the Pegasus riding lessons when Greg saw a harpy stealing food from the cafeteria and they immediately rushed to it. Harpies were half-human, half-bird evil creatures. Greg shot at the harpy with his bow and it disintegrated immediately. "That is one strong bow, Greg" said Fred. "Yeah, I know", Greg replied and they moved on. At the lessons, everyone got at least one scar. After lessons everyone had lunch and then read about monsters. In the evening Greg, Patricia and Fred sang songs around the campfire. After about an hour they all had dinner and went to bed.

### Greg

That night Greg had a nightmare. He saw Patricia trapped in the underworld. She was scared, tired and was trying to leave the place. Greg immediately woke up and surprisingly it was 8am. He immediately rushed to Fred and told him about the nightmare. After he was done explaining the nightmare, Fred said "You won't believe this, but I too had the same dream. They both rushed to Patricia's room at the girl's dormitory. "Patricia, Patricia..... are you there?.....", they began to lift everyone's blankets one by one. And their worst fears came true. Patricia wasn't there.

"Oh no, we have to tell Master Sean then. Let's go!", said Greg.



Pic: Greg's Nightmare - Patricia Trapped Behind Bars in the Underworld

## Master Sean

“What happened Greg?” asked Master Sean. “Master we have to take a quest. Patricia is trapped in the underworld. “That can’t be”, the Master replied. “It is true” Fred insisted.

“I will grant you a quest but you have to take at least one more Demigod to help you”. “Okay Master”, and the two friends went back to lessons satisfied and relieved that Master Sean had allowed a quest.

## Chapter 2: The Quest and the Prophecy

In the evening instead of having songs by everyone Master Sean made an announcement about the quest. For the third teammate Master Sean chose Jake Burton. "Dream Team!" Fred said unenthusiastically because he thought Jake Burton was not a very good fighter.

"Yes!" exclaimed Jake Burton pumping both his fists into the air. "Don't get excited Jake, a quest is very dangerous". "Yes master" replied Jake. "We will start the quest tomorrow" continued Master Sean. "And Jake, before we disperse please can you fetch the Oracle of Delphi from my cabin". "Yes of course master" Jake replied obediently. The Oracle was a future-telling spirit which would guide you about the future but not in very clear terms but in hints and riddles.

Master Sean held the Oracle of Delphi that Jake brought from his cabin and heard the following words:

***The son of Earth and Sky,***

***Father and Grand-father of the twelve.***

***He lies defeated in the abyss of nothingness,***

***But beware he will rise using the Elixir of Life!***

"Let's try to solve it right now", Master Sean said. "The son of earth and sky means that he is the son of Mother Earth and Father Sky. Father and Grand-father of twelve means that he is the father and grand-father of the twelve Olympians. The prophecy is talking about Kronos, the evil time-lord".

“We will start the quest tomorrow at the break of dawn”. “And Greg, Fred and Jake while you are in the Underworld remember to get the Elixir of Life” The meeting ended and Jason went to bed.

## Greg

Surprisingly, Greg didn't have dreams that night but was very scared about the next morning. After he woke up he went straight to Master Sean but something was different about him. Master Sean was very aggressive and had a tattoo of a man with horns on his neck. As soon as Master Sean heard footsteps, he turned to Greg and pointed his bow at him and when he realised that it was Greg, he immediately put his bow away and said “Hello, Greg”.

“I will give you your weapons now, Fred and Jake already got theirs”, continued Master Sean with a smile on his face. “What weapons would you like?”, asked Master Sean. “I would like a sword, a shield and a quiver full of arrows.”, replied Greg. “All right, I will give them to you”, replied Master Sean and he teleported away. He was back in a second and gave Greg the weapons. “Go to the fields, Fred and Jake will be waiting there”, Master Sean replied. Those were the last words Greg heard from Master Sean before the quest.



Picture: The Elixir of Life as Greg imagined it

## Chapter 3: The Underworld

### Fred

“So, let’s start with going to the underworld, save Patricia and try to get the Elixir of Life, whatever that is and get it back to camp.” said Fred. “That seems like a solid plan”, replied Greg “Let’s teleport to the Underworld now on 3!

“1, 2, 3 GOOOOO!” As it was Fred’s first-time teleporting, he found it very weird, after about 2 minutes he was next to the entrance of the underworld with Greg and Jake. “So.....I guess we just jump in?” asked Greg. “Yeah, I guess” Replied Fred. And they all jumped in. Jake landed first and said “I see something moving”. Greg and Fred quickly landed and saw it too, there were twenty-five Desert Zombies!

All of the demigods took out their weapons and quickly eliminated the desert zombies and advanced forward. After around a hundred metres they saw many prison cells which were all built out of stygian iron, the strongest metal in the world. Fred, Greg and Jake could see Patricia in one of them.

### Patricia

Patricia heard people running towards her and trying to break the bars of the prison. It took very long but they finally did it. They tried to wake Patricia up but she was very tired. After pouring some water on Patricia she finally woke up. She saw Greg, Fred and Jake. Greg being the



son of Apollo (The god of Poetry, Healing and Archery) tried to heal her but the magic only worked a little. Patricia felt as if her energy would last only a day. "What are all of you doing here?" Patricia asked. "We've come here to save you" replied the three demigods.

"We have to defeat a few hundred monsters." Patricia said. And then Greg saw the monsters.

## Greg

Greg was scared he would run out of arrows but he shot at the monsters anyways. After shooting about twenty arrows, he took a look at the quiver and surprisingly it was full of arrows he shot one an arrow at the ground and it reappeared into his quiver and he continued shooting the other monsters.

After he and his friends were done shooting the monsters, they teleported deeper into the underworld to find the Elixir of Life. After searching for it for sometime they decided to stop and get some sleep.

## Chapter 4: Retrieving the Elixir

As a habitual early riser Patricia woke up early and made some Columbian coffee for everyone. Then slowly all the boys woke up and drank their coffee. "That was truly amazing, Patricia" Greg said. "Thanks" she replied. "Anyway, let's continue. First let's start searching from the entrance" Fred said. So, they all started searching for the Elixir of Life at the entrance. After a few minutes they saw a red light. They immediately took out their weapons. They saw an outline of a boy. He had a sword in one hand and a bottle of a red liquid in the other.

"What do you want?" the boy asked. "We want the Elixir of Life." Patricia replied.

"Sadly, you will not be getting it" the boy replied. "Why's that?" the demigods asked. "Because I have it! And I am Atlas.", the boy replied proudly. He exploded and then turned time back, coming back to the same spot he revealed his true form, a ferocious Liger – the mix of a tiger and a lion. Although it looked ugly it was strong, really strong. They fought for a long time; Jason's arrows were flying around Atlas clashing against the swords with his strong skin. The demigods' weapons weren't making a scratch on the skin

Greg shot Atlas with an arrow into the mouth and he disintegrated. Leaving a lot of monster dust. They took the Elixir of Life and Fred said "Teleport back to camp on 3. 1, 2, 3!"

# Chapter 5: The Demigods Return

## Master Sean

After the Camp was done with the lessons in a couple of minutes Master Sean saw Fred, Greg, Jake and Patricia in the woods sprinting towards him and Greg had a vial in his hand which had a thick, smoothie like consistency and red liquid in it. At first Master Sean thought it was tomato soup but then he realised it was the Elixir of Life. He opened it and sniffed it and laughed loudly and evilly. "Master Sean, this is no time to celebrate...we need to pour some on Patricia, immediately". Master Sean cleared his throat and said "Yes, of course". He very reluctantly poured some on Patricia and she immediately passed out. Master Sean then said "She will recover. I have some work to do. Good job demigods...You can now rest in your cabins".

And they all went to get a few hours of sleep. Master Sean then went to the cafeteria and was surprised to see how much the Camp had progressed on decorations.

He went to look for new monsters in the forest and after an hour or two he came back to get a fishing rod and started fishing next to the river. At night he went back to camp and saw everyone was having dinner. After dinner they all went to sleep.

## Chapter 6: The Unbelievable Truth

Greg

The next two days passed normally and then on August 1<sup>st</sup> the whole camp had a great feast. After lunch Master Sean called all the demigods at camp out to the fields. Before anyone could realise what was happening, Master Sean poured the whole glass of the Elixir of Life onto himself and shouted "I AM KRONOS!".

Everyone pulled out their swords surprised and bewildered. Greg and Fred knew that usual every day weapons would not work against Master Sean aka Kronos. Then Greg had an idea. He had read about the Elixir *Jesuiticum mors est* which was called the Elixir of Death could instantly eliminate anyone. So, he asked Fred to get the Elixir of Death from the treasure chest that was buried in the exact centre of camp. Fred rushed and got back the Elixir of Death from the Treasure Chest. Greg poured some Elixir of Death on to his arrows and shot them at Kronos. It took a few more arrows but Kronos could now be disintegrated with a single blow of a sword and Greg told Jake to hit Kronos with his sword. Jake hit him and Kronos exploded and disintegrated.

However, Kronos was not done yet. Having used up all the Elixir of Life in his initial enthusiasm, there was no more of it left to save him. While his soul was still there, he did not have any body left. So, like all other spirits his soul reached the underworld upon death.

Being the Time-Lord, Kronos aka Master Sean forced time to go faster in the Underworld and slower at the Demigod Camp. His power however would last only a few days as he did not have a body left (only

soul). And without a body even time would stop obeying him after a few days.



Picture: Kronos invading camp

## Chapter 7: A New Beginning

Over the next few days, time ran really slowly at the Demigod Camp. But once Kronos' curse began to wear off things returned back to normal. The camp now needed a new leader. And what better way to have a new leader than for everyone to vote for one.

Votes were cast and tallied and almost everyone had voted for Greg to be the new leader. "Hail Master Greg!", laughed Fred and everyone burst out into a thunderous applause.

## About the Author



First-time Author **Varad Bhatia**'s maiden novel, 'The Time-Lord's Return' is based on his enduring interest in Greek Mythology. Varad has been a voracious reader from the very young age of four, and his reading interests range from Fantasy and Mythology to History and Comedy.

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## The Time-Lord's Return!



*The Time-Lord's Return is an epic tale of adventure, surprise and deceit based on Greek mythology.*

*Patricia is trapped in the underworld!*

*The evil Time lord is rising....*

*What will Patricia's two best friends do?*

*Read this book to find out.....*